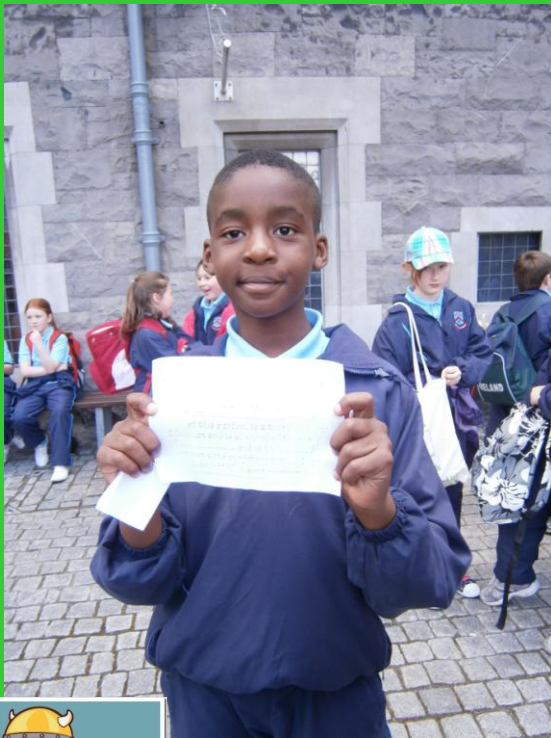


Blast from the past in Dublinia!



Hi my name is Luke Huynh and I will tell you about the 3rd class school tour. We went to Dublinia and to the Phoenix Park. We were allowed to bring treats with us. We also brought rain gear with us in case it might rain. When we were ready to go, three white buses and one blue bus came into the big yard. The infants went on the buses to go swimming and we went on the two buses that were left. Our driver's name was Pat; he was very funny and was very kind to us. I was sitting in the back seat with Chris, Sean, Jack L and Jake. It was great fun on the bus and it only took about an hour to get into Dublin. We saw the river Liffey and we also saw some children passing by on the Viking Splash. When we arrived at Dublinia, we waited for a few minutes for the others to arrive. We had to go into Dublinia in groups and my group's tour guide was Evan who was dressed as a Norman merchant.

by Luke Huynh Hurley



On the first floor we learned about the Vikings and saw what Viking writing (Runes) looked like. We even got to have a go at writing ourselves! Some people also made rubbings of scenes from the past.



We first saw a statue of a man dressed up as a Viking soldier and our tour guide told us that he was made out of plastic. We all turned around and saw a man buried in a Viking grave with all his belongings like his sword and his shield. Then we went into a different room. It was made to look like a quay. We saw a girl who was a slave being sold in a market. It looked like there was a horse shoe and a rope tied around her neck. We went into a model of a Viking house and saw a person in bed. The bed covers were made out of animal skins. We went into another room and saw Viking writing on a big rock.

by Rachel Doherty





Then we went up to the second floor which was all about the Normans. We saw a model of people on a cart dying of a very bad disease called the Black Death. Millions of people died as it spread all over Europe and Ireland. We saw a model of a woman called Maggie who had eight bad teeth. It was very painful. We also saw people who had leprosy and everyone kept away from them in case they got the disease too.

On the third floor we saw loads of artefacts. It was amazing. Maggie's skeleton was there too. We saw x-rays of bones from the past.

by Lauren Kelly



On the second floor we learned about the Normans. We went into a room where there were lots of market stalls. There was a man in a headlock and there was ball you had to throw at him. If you hit him on his head he told you what crime he had committed. My favourite room of the exhibition was the room telling us about The Black Death. It was caused by fleas living on rats. Then we went into a house and saw what it was like in Dublin at that time. When we moved onto the dock, there was a man sitting down in front of a ship. We thought he was fake but my friend tapped him on the face and then he roared at us. We got an awful fright and screamed! He was real and he talked to us about sailing. Afterwards Evan told us about Henry the Eight and Silken Thomas.



The third floor was about skeletons and was really cool! There were bones that were on loan from the National Museum of Ireland there. We had a look in the gift shop and after we went outside and waited for the other groups to come back.

By Luca Milne



When we came out of Dublinia we were so hungry! We walked down to the bus stop and off we went to the Phoenix Park to have our lunch. We brought hula hoops and footballs with us. There was a big hill there and we kept rolling down it. It was great fun! We played for a while and then we went home. We all had a great day! 😊

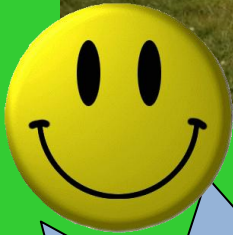
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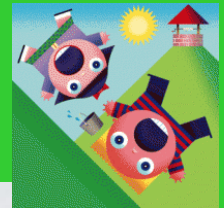
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Action Shots!





Jack and Jill went
up the hill...

